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Transportation is an issue of crucial importance to the future of Wisconsin. We have a long history of solid investment in our state to ensure high quality in our highways, airports, railroads, harbors, transit systems and other facilities and services.

Our competitiveness in an electronic, global economy is dependent on an effective transportation network. We must continue to seek efficient solutions to our congestion, mobility and preservation needs through a variety of modes and services. We must also ensure that our financing of transportation is adequate to meet our existing and future needs.

This publication provides an overview of our progress in transportation and the future challenges we face. I commend the Department of Transportation for its fine work over the past decade and more, and look forward to working with the entire transportation community to ensure that Wisconsin's transportation system remains second to none.

Governor Scott McCallum
State of Wisconsin



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Our transportation infrastructure is the foundation of our lives. In Wisconsin, we enjoy remarkable freedom, a high quality of life, and tremendous economic opportunity because our state and local leaders have joined together to develop a top-notch transportation system.

More important than concrete, asphalt and steel, however, are the people that provide and maintain the transportation network. I am proud of all the men and women that make up the department. They work closely with all customers of transportation and a vast array of partner agencies to provide innovative solutions and exceptional service.

I have a lifelong career in transportation, and I love what I do. Through this publication, I hope to share with you both my pride and passion in how the Department of Transportation serves Wisconsin.

Terry Mulcahy, Secretary
Wisconsin DOT



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Transportation touches everyone

Transportation is not only important for the movement of goods and people – it is also a key component of our overall quality of life. An efficient, effective network of transportation infrastructure and services helps make Wisconsin a great place to live, work and visit.

But there many different aspects of transportation -- it is more than just a road or runway. Quality transportation means different things to different people, but above all it must have a human element:

- ◆ It's the quick and attentive service provided from the Motor Vehicle counter staff;
- ◆ It's the comforting presence of the State Patrol officer coming to the aid of a motorist, or talking with students about safety.
- ◆ It's the engineer who takes the time to develop new and innovative designs to preserve the social fabric of a neighborhood;
- ◆ It's the many public and private sector partners who work with the department to deliver quality transportation.

Serving a unique role

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is unique among counterparts in other states, in that the range of transportation issues under its jurisdiction is vast. The department is responsible for developing and maintaining the infrastructure and all modes of transportation, preserving the environment, enforcing traffic laws on state highways, testing drivers and registering vehicles, financing transportation needs at the state and local levels, and promoting transportation safety in all its forms.

The department also faces workplace issues common to any major business: technology, financing, customer service, efficiency, partnerships and productivity.

Yet through it all, the vision of the department and its staff remain solid: "dedicated people creating transportation solutions through innovation and exceptional service."



Who we are

A corporate structure to meet needs

To efficiently meet the variety of needs and issues that transportation presents in Wisconsin, the department is organized into seven divisions.

1. The **Executive Offices** set overall department direction, with special emphasis on legal, financial, policy and communication issues.
2. The **Division of Business Management** handles the day-to-day business of the department's enterprise, covering personnel, accounting, financial systems, workplace facilities management, and information technology.
3. The **Division of Motor Vehicles** registers vehicles, licenses drivers, administers motor vehicle laws, licenses dealerships, and administers a vehicle emissions testing program.
4. The **Division of State Patrol** enforces traffic laws, assists motorists, enforces motor carrier regulations, operates the State Patrol Academy, and aids local agencies dealing with natural disasters or civil disturbances.
5. The **Division of Transportation Districts** serves as the local community contact in the oversight of planning, designing, building, and maintaining the state trunk highway system.
6. The **Division of Transportation Infrastructure Development** creates effective processes, programs and standards to ensure the development and safe opera-



A = State Patrol Academy
H = Hill Farms (Central Office)
M = Motor Vehicle District Offices
S = State Patrol Headquarters
T = Transportation Districts

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7. The **Division of Transportation Investment Management** conducts long-range, multi-modal transportation planning and guides the use of state and federal transportation dollars based upon research and data analysis of the state's transportation systems.